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SUBJECT: SOMALI DELEGATIONS VISIT KUWAIT

1. KUWAITI PRESS REPORTS THAT THE "SOMALI NATIONAL SECURITY CHIEF, BRIGADIER AHMED SULEIMAN ABDULLAH," WILL VISIT KUWAIT IN A FEW DAYS, CARRYING A MESSAGE FROM PRES. SIAD BARRE REGARDING THE RED SEA AND RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA. THIS PRESS REPORT SAYS THAT THE BRIGADIER IS NOW IN QATAR, HAVING JUST VISITED THE UAE AND SAUDI ARABIA.

2. A DELEGATION FROM THE WESTERN SOMALIA LIBERATION FRONT HAS BEEN IN KUWAIT FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND REPORTEDLY WILL GO TO IRAQ SHORTLY. THE DELEGATION HEAD, DESCRIBED AS ABDALLAH HASSAN MOHAMMED, SEC GEN OF THE FRONT, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 23, DURING WHICH HE ATTACKED THE SOVIET UNION FOR SUPPORTING ETHIOPIA AGAINST THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE FRONT AND APPEALED FOR SUPPORT FROM ALL "ARAB BROTHERS." (THERE IS ONE REPORT THAT THE LOCAL TASS REPRESENTATIVE STOOD UP AND ENGAGED THE SEC GEN IN A HEATED DEBATE ON THE SOVIET ROLE IN THE AREA.) THE SEC GEN REPORTEDLY UNCLASSIFIED

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DESCRIBED IN GLOWING TERMS HIS FRONT'S BATTLE AGAINST ETHIOPIA, CLAIMING HEAVY ETHIOPIAN CASUALTIES (INCLUDING NINE AIRCRAFT LAST WEEK.) HIS MAIN THRUST SEEMED TO BE TO THE EFFECT THAT FRONT INTERESTS ARE IDENTICAL TO BROADER ARAB INTERESTS -- HE ASSERTED THAT A WEST SOMALIA IN HANDS OF HIS GROUP WOULD "GIVE STRATEGIC DEPTH TO THE ARAB WORLD." MAESTRONE

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